

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 305  
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to name a certain bridge on U.S. Highway 421  
North in Johnson County in honor of Blaine  
McElyea.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges in honor of those exemplary citizens who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Blaine McElyea of Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, Blaine McElyea, a lifelong resident of Johnson County, raised a family of six children in a modest home near a bridge on U.S. Highway 421 North just outside the city limits of Mountain City; and

WHEREAS, the family home was razed for construction of a new bridge on U.S. Highway 421 North across Goose Creek, part of which is situated on the Blaine McElyea home site; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McElyea was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, who was an exemplary citizen of his county and community; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of his commitment to living an upstanding life, the county commission of Johnson County has memorialized this body to name the new bridge on U.S. Highway 421 North across Goose Creek to permanently commemorate Blaine McElyea's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that the bridge on U.S. Highway 421 North across Goose Creek immediately north of the Mountain City corporate limits in Johnson County is hereby designated as the "Blaine McElyea Memorial Bridge" in recognition of an outstanding citizen who exemplifies the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge on U.S. Highway 421 North immediately north of the Mountain City corporate limits as the "Blaine McElyea Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if Johnson County, Tennessee, either remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution or manufactures such signs in accordance with the provisions of the fourth resolving clause. Johnson County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Johnson County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Johnson County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Johnson County may manufacture and erect such signs provided that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.

